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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN EDITORIAL REACTION TO MOYNIHAN SPEECH ON
POLITICAL PRISONERS AT UN

1. IN COLUMN ENTITLED "THE MESSAGE OF MOYNIHAN" BY GERALD SHAW,
CAPE TIMES COMMENTS ONSIGNIFICANCE OF AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S
NOVEMBER 12 SPEECH.

2. "MR. MOYNIHAN'S SPEECH DESERVES CLOSE EXAMINATION. IT
PROVIDES VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE FACTORS WHICH FAVOR SOUTH
AFRICA'S INTERNATIONAL STANDING... AND... WHICH ARE UNDERMINING
THIS COUNTRY'S VIABILITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

3. "MR. MOYNIHAN WAS PROPOSING A WORLD-WIDE AMNESTY OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS AND HE DID NOT SPARE SOUTH AFRICA'S VIOLATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THIS RESPECT.

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RM ZSOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD NOT DEDUCE... THAT THE UNITED STATES

IS ABATING ITS REJECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICIES ONE IOTA.
CERTAINLY NOT.

5. "THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARGUE THAT WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN THE
UNITED STATES AND THE WEST GENERALLY WILL INEVITABLY COME DOWN
ON THE SIDE OF THE WHITE MINORITY-- TO PROTECT THE VITAL
ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS OF THE WEST.

6. "THIS IS A FACILE AND DANGEROUS ASSUMPTION, PARTICULARLY
IF IT ASSUMES THAT IT IS POLITICALLY POSSIBLE FOR THE WEST
TO UNDERWRITE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, OPPRESSION AND AUTHORITARIANISM
IN THE REPUBLIC.

7. "THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE
PROFOUNDLY ENCOURAGING-- AS LONG AS ALL THE IMPLICATIONS ARE
REALIZED.

8. "IF SOUTH AFRICA HOPES FOR THE SUPPORT AND SYMPATHY OF THE
WEST IN THE DEVELOPING SOUTHERN AFRICAN CRISIS, ITS ATTITUDE
TO PRESS FREEDOM AND CIVIL LIBERTY WILL BE CRUCIAL. THE
REPUBLIC MUST MAKE IT POLITICALLY POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED
STATES TO MAINTAIN THE NEW AND HELPFUL POSTURE WHICH MR.
MOYNIHAN'S SPEECH EXPRESSES."
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